



Arkansas Crop Progress and Condition

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Reporting for the week ending March 28, 2010.

General

Breezy conditions accompanied normal temperatures through much of the state last week. A line of showers and thunderstorms passed through the state Saturday producing some hail and strong winds. All 36 weather stations reported some measurable rainfall. The greatest precipitation amount was recorded at Booneville with 2.40 inches, followed by 2.13 inches recorded at Ozark. Topsoil moisture supplies were 1 percent short, 61 percent adequate, and 38 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 70 percent adequate and 30 percent surplus. On average, farmers had 3.5 days suitable for fieldwork. Lows ranged from 27 degrees Fahrenheit at Fayetteville to 41 degrees Fahrenheit at West Memphis. Highs ranged from 68 degrees Fahrenheit at Fayetteville to 77 degrees Fahrenheit at Monticello.

Crops

Cool overnight temperatures and rain limited field work last week as producers wait for drier field conditions. As of last week, farmers had 21 percent of the corn crop planted, 10 percent ahead of last year but 10 percent behind the five-year average. Corn emergence was at 6 percent, 3 percent ahead of 2009 and the five-year average. Farmers were able to get 1 percent of the rice crop planted, 1 percent ahead of 2009 but 1 percent behind the five-year average. Winter wheat was in mostly fair to good condition, with some instances of stripe rust being reported.

Livestock

Livestock were in mostly fair to good condition last week. Pasture and range and hay crops were reported in mostly fair to good condition last week. Producers were spraying and fertilizing their pastures, with some reports of diminishing hay stocks.

Percent of Progress

Crop	Stage	Current Week	Previous Week	2009	5-Year Avg
Corn	Planted	21	n/a	11	31
	Emerged	6	n/a	3	3
Rice	Planted	1	n/a	0	2

Condition in Percentages

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat	1	3	53	36	7
Hay-Alfalfa	0	0	62	36	2
Hay-Other	1	7	34	57	1
Pasture and Range	5	14	47	32	2

Temperatures and Precipitation Week Ending March 28, 2010									
District	Station	Temperatures			Rainfall				
		High	Low	Dep from Normal *	Wk Ending Mar 28	4 wk Accum	4 wk Normal	Year to Date	
								2010	Normal
Northwest	Fayetteville	68	27	-2	0.89	3.44	3.74	10.62	8.57
	Harrison	72	33	0	0.94	3.79	3.87	10.07	9.38
N. Central	Calico Rock	74	30	0	1.75	3.93	4.17	12.21	10.31
	Gilbert	74	28	-2	1.20	3.63	3.71	12.97	9.74
	Greers Ferry	72	35	0	1.29	3.98	4.54	11.75	11.84
	Mtn. Home	73	34	0	1.94	4.83	4.06	11.55	10.15
Northeast	Batesville	72	35	-1	0.97	3.62	4.08	9.86	11.01
	Blytheville	70	36	-1	1.14	3.80	4.41	8.75	12.16
	Jonesboro	70	37	0	1.54	3.92	4.00	9.34	11.29
	Keiser	70	38	-2	1.03	3.95	4.39	10.87	12.33
	Newport	69	38	-3	1.16	3.43	4.32	11.71	11.53
W. Central	Booneville	75	30	-5	2.40	3.08	3.67	9.86	10.35
	Clarksville	73	34	0	1.35	3.10	4.05	11.78	10.01
	Dardanelle	74	31	-1	0.66	2.62	4.16	12.04	10.87
	Ft. Smith	75	32	-1	0.77	2.62	3.55	9.35	8.82
	Mena	72	29	-3	1.21	2.68	4.68	13.10	11.97
	Ozark	73	34	-3	2.13	4.63	4.05	11.15	9.89
Central	Conway	73	36	-2	0.71	2.93	4.08	10.12	11.07
	Hot Springs	75	34	-2	0.48	2.69	4.81	12.12	12.88
	Little Rock	75	40	1	0.57	2.24	4.36	10.30	11.68
	Morrilton	74	35	1	0.58	2.86	4.05	12.02	11.09
	N. Little Rock	72	38	-1	0.40	2.55	4.38	10.03	11.37
E. Central	Brinkley	71	37	0	0.87	3.02	4.29	9.52	12.46
	Marianna	71	37	0	0.87	3.41	4.98	12.28	13.55
	Stuttgart	73	37	-2	1.50	3.27	4.39	11.34	12.22
	West Memphis	73	41	2	1.01	3.37	4.96	10.71	13.72
Southwest	DeQueen	74	33	0	1.21	2.18	4.68	12.28	12.29
	Hope	74	32	-2	0.69	1.46	4.47	10.23	13.11
	Texarkana	74	37	-4	0.41	1.60	3.70	8.87	10.96
S. Central	Camden	76	33	-3	0.72	1.50	4.64	12.08	13.87
	El Dorado	75	38	-3	0.52	2.11	4.67	13.99	14.45
	Warren	73	33	-4	0.38	2.20	5.41	12.83	15.50
Southeast	Eudora	76	34	0	1.09	1.87	5.38	13.61	16.84
	Monticello	77	40	0	0.33	1.73	5.15	12.25	15.52
	Pine Bluff	74	40	-1	1.56	3.19	4.57	10.68	13.23
	Rohwer	73	35	-1	0.20	1.30	4.81	12.84	14.66

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